

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, March 9, 2009

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Al Low

Kurt Schatz, Chair Juliette Lopez-Recinos

Alice Lavigne, Secretary L. Kevin McDonald

David Marcotte

Absent: ----

Excused: Al Gerew, Vice Chair

Guests: ----

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chair, at the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, R.I.

Motion to accept minutes of February 9, 2009 regular meeting by Juliette Lopez-Recinos. Seconded by L. Kevin McDonald. Motion passed 5-0.

Correspondence:

The Director reported a field permit form to utilize Hauser Field was received. Due to the new ordinance, a fee is now being charged for field usage. Father Holland has already paid \$125 for utilizing Branch River Field for five dates for inside the track field. Another permit for use of Hauser Field for the Nicole McConnell Foundation was received from Courtney Lacey. The question regarding the ordinance stating the associated fees are for a maximum of four hours but the Nicole McConnell Foundation request states all day. David Marcotte and Al Low stated the maximum of four hours possibly pertains to usage of the lights. The Director stated she only charged the Nicole McConnell Foundation the \$50 per field for a total of \$200 for the tournament for the full day. Another request was received today for Special Olympics for inside the Branch River track where a fee will be charged. The Director reported to the Town Manager that the fees should help offset the lights and other field costs. The Director will send a letter to the appropriate organizations regarding the field usage fees according to the new ordinance.

Motion made by Dave Marcotte to waive any further charges over \$200 for the Nicole McConnell Foundation to hold the fundraiser at Hauser Field for the full day. Seconded by Juliette Lopez-Recinos. Motion passed 5-0.

Good & Welfare:

Alice Lavigne thanked the Recreation Commission for their kindness and support regarding the loss of her sister Lea Lavigne. The

Director thanked Alice Lavigne for assistance to the department during this time with making center pieces for the RIRPA Awards luncheon, etc.

Dave Marcotte asked about alternate members on the Recreation Commission. The Director reported that if someone applies, the Alternate positions will be filled.

Old Business:

Pedestrian/Bike Path

The Director and commission member Dave Marcotte attended a meeting with the Horsley and Witten Group regarding mapping for the Pedestrian/Bike Path. Dave Marcotte reported the map will show the town owned properties and others that might be necessary to prepare a conceptual plan in preparation for one or two public meetings to share information. The mapping information will then be shared with the planners and local officials to address any necessary changes. The Director stated to Town Planner Tom Kravitz that the process should be for Parks & Recreation to assist with the public hearings to allow for public comment and secondly presented to the Planning Board versus going before the Planning Board first. Currently a \$100,000 grant is being utilized and then other possible grant funding will be sought. The commission reviewed the up to date plans.

Family Fair

The family fair will be held as “Rockin & Rollin” Family Fair with the

complimentary lunches for seniors and children provided by the Parks & Recreation Department with the assistance of the scouts. No hamburgers will be offered, just hotdogs to assist in lowering the cost.

Department Copier

The copy machine has been ordered with half paid through the department's fundraising account and the other half by Spring Lake Beach.

Spring Lake Beach Painting Bid

A pre-bid mandatory meeting at Spring Lake Beach regarding the painting bids will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 10th. Funding from the Spring Lake Beach account was approved prior to the spending freeze. Advertising for the painting project bid took place last week with bid specs currently available at the Town Clerk's office at the town hall.

2009-2010 Budgets/League

Finance Director reported there was nothing in the C.I.P. for the tennis courts last year. The Director stated that C.I.P. funding was requested with the additional \$20,000 through grant funding but the tennis courts funding through C.I.P. was removed per the Town Manager. Grant funding is being researched through the U.S. Tennis Association. The Director has requested this funding be considered for the upcoming C.I.P. and the possible stimulus monies being

offered. Consideration for the addition of a multi-purpose gym onto the Recreation Center has been submitted as part of the stimulus money requests. The Budget Board has requested copies of the league budget information.

Trust Scholarship

The Director received a scholarship from The Trust to attend the National Legislative Forum in Washington, D.C. from March 17th through March 20th. This will include the presentation to Senator Jack Reed for the congressional award from the National Parks & Recreation Department. The Director will support opposition of the legislation to increase to remove liability limits for recreation and will support the funding of the Land and Water Conservation funds and C.D.B.G. funds.

Easter Egg Hunt

Commission member Alice Lavigne assisted the Director in purchasing easter basket supplies for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Commission member Juliet Lopez-Recinos will once again be the Easter Bunny.

Recreation Center Furnace

Repairs are complete to the furnace system at the Recreation Center due to the fire in the ductwork. The total repair cost was \$32,000 of which the town's portion totaled \$6,000 for the new furnace and insurance deductible. Due to the recreation center alarm system

being tied directly into the fire department, the building was saved.

Juliette Lopez-Recinos questioned the issue regarding funding of this year league expenses from Burrillville Extended Care funds if necessary. At the last meeting the Burrillville Extended Care Board of Directors, this item was tabled the item to allow for further discussion.

Over \$6,000 has been cut by the department to assist in the budget cutbacks including shutting the Branch River Park track lights off, skipping the first field fertilization treatments, cancelling the beach bus, and trying to lower the Hauser field light expense by working with Ted Garrille of the Pascoag Utility District.

L. Kevin McDonald reported reading an article in the Providence Journal regarding the proposed Tassoni Bill where all youth leagues within the state will be overseen by one commission. This commission would have the ability to charge fees to fund the cost of the commission, police all the boards, coaches, volunteers, etc. The commission will be made up of a seven member panel at the state level and will review all complaints from any parents.

Alice Lavigne wanted to extend a “thank you” to the Parks & Recreation Department for receiving the department of the Year award from the Rhode Island Recreation Parks Association. The awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday, March 11th at

Crystal Lake Golf Course with the commission members being invited to attend. Two tables are already filled by the Town of Burrillville.

New Business:

Field Permits

“See Correspondence above”

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Dave Marcotte. Seconded by Al Low. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Motion Passed 5-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., Burrillville Parks & Recreation Offices, 92 Main Street, Pascoag, RI 02859.

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